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DATE: February 2, 2009

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXTERNAL PEER REVIEWERS: KLAMATH RIVER TMDL

In response to your request for peer reviewers for the subject noted above, the University of California, through an Interagency Agreement with Cal/EPA, identified candidates it considered qualified to perform this assignment. Each candidate was required to complete and sign a Conflict of Interest Disclosure form.

During the course of reviewing the disclosure forms, I contacted the candidates for clarification on certain topics. After they had provided satisfactory clarification, and confirmed they could perform an objective and independent review free of conflict of interest and bias, I approved them as reviewers. I also forwarded to them my latest (January 7, 2009) supplement to the Cal/EPA peer review guidelines, and am attaching it here. Please read it carefully. The approved reviewers are identified below. I hope to approve one or two additional reviewers within a week.

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Biographical information for the approved reviewers is provided with this memorandum

Considering the number of pages you plan to send the reviewers, I recommend that you provide them hard copies of this material. You can enquire if any would prefer an electronic copy as well. Ask them if their preferred mailing address is different from that given above.

Please contact your reviewers right away. Tell them when you will transmit the material. They have accepted the assignment based on the date of availability given in your letter of request to me. If preparation of the material is delayed, ask them if the new date is acceptable, including me as a "cc." If subsequent delays occur, inform the reviewers and me as soon as possible. I am often contacted by reviewers and the University if delays occur and reviewers are not kept up to date.

Provide a cover letter to initiate the review process. Include with it your request letter to me, which provides a concise synopsis for your intended actions, and its three attachments. **Please inform them that their review must follow the guidance provided in Attachment 2.**

When the reviews have been completed, please let me know for the peer review files I keep here.

If I can provide additional help, contact me at any time during the review process.

Attachments

cc: Holly Lundborg, North Coast Water Board
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